GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIRCRAFT EVALUATION COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aircraft Evaluation Committee constituted by Indian Airlines made any suggestion to acquire fuel-efficient planes for low cost flight;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Airlines has worked out any costing details on the feasibility of running low tariff flights to increase air travel and use of excess capacity;

(d) if so, whether Indian Airlines will introduce No-Frills and Low-Tariff flights shortly; and

(e) if so, the details of such flights?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines inits meeting held on 27th March, 2002 have approved a proposal acquisition of 43 aircraft at a net project cost of Rs.10,089 crores. The Project Report submitted by IndianAirlines is under consideration of the Government.

(c),(d) and (e): In view of the highly competitive scenario, Indian Airlines has introduced a Flexi Fare Policyw.e.f. 25th May, 2001. The level of fare is increased/decreased, sector to sector, based on market factors such as seasonality, supply demand equation, strength of Indian Airlines versus competitor, competitor fares etc.

Indian Airlines operates services between Delhi and Mumbai at late night hours in which it offer a fare 43% lower than the fare on other flights.